

**ABSTRACT**

2        A night light design which allows for improved functionality over those heretofore  
3    available. The basic design is flexible enough to be adapted for either indoor or outdoor use, and  
4    for various brightness levels. Particularly for outdoor use, bulbs of up to 15 watts can be used,  
5    providing an increased illumination level. All designs preferably include a light sensing element  
6    and a control circuit, wherein the light turns itself on when the ambient lighting levels fall low  
7    enough. Also, several preferred embodiments include a variable control, wherein the brightness  
8    of the night light can be continuously varied between very dim and full brightness.